

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 12, 22-25, 27, and 28 are currently pending. The present Amendment amends Claims 3, 4, and 22-24 cancels Claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer, and adds Claim 29. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 3, 4, and 22-24 were objected to; and Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; Claim 18 was rejected as unpatentable over Maeda et al. (Japanese Patent No. 2001-180043) in view of published U.S. Application No. 2003/0067533 to Omori et al.

Claims 3, 4, 12, 22, 24, 25, 27, and 28 were indicated as being allowable. Applicant appreciatively acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection to Claims 3, 4, and 22-24, those claims have been amended consistent with the recommendation of the office action. Therefore, no further objection to the claims is anticipated.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claim 23 for failing to state a basis for the rejection. The Office Action merely states that “it is unclear if Applicant intended to omit that portion of the claim.” However, the Office Action fails to assert how Claim 23 as currently presented is indefinite. In any event, Applicants have amended Claim 23 to clarify the scope of the clock frequency adjusting unit.

Claim 18 has been cancelled. Consequently, the 35 USC 103 rejection is moot.

In view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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